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8. Though much less active than civilians, regimental officers work hard training their troops and instructing them in political doctrine. (The duties of political commissars are now carried out by regimental officers.) They also instructed themselves with the New Doctrine of Warfare. Promotion can only be attained after an examination has been successfully passed and there is, for theaggard, the awful prospect of dismissal from the Army.
9. Senior staff officers in Belgrade work with the same feverish intensity as Party leaders and civilian government officials. In several cases their activities are political as well as military.
10. Officers form the most privileged class in the country. Their pay is high (25,000 dinars a month for a lieutenant colonel on the staff - six times the pay of a standard factory worker).
11. They have access to the "diplomatic shops" where they can purchase at controlled prices, for themselves and their families fine cloths and a wide range of imported goods which are unobtainable for the rest of the population. They have good food and drinks in their messes and clubs, and facility for transport (more than half the cars in the country are for the use of the Army).
12. The Army at present is, practically in its entirety, loyal to Tito. They would gladly fight the armies of any, or several of their immediate neighbors, and such is the confidence of some of the younger Staff officers that they are not far from thinking that they could resist successfully the armies of a major power.

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